RIME MINISTER ASQUITH has created something of a sensa-tion in religious circles through-out the United Kingdom by giving public expression the other day to the conviction that the existing laws

The most notable case, or rather the one which attracted the most attention, was that of a man of the name of Harry Boulter, who, before a considerable public gathering in Hyde Park, had assalled Christianity and the Hible in particularly coarse language. The prisoner was found guilty by the jury, and the presiding judge, Sir Waiter Phillimore, at the Central Criminal Court, in delivering sentence, emphasized the fact that, while the prisoner was at liberty to entertain any opinions he pleased about Christianity, and even to give expression thereto in conversation with his friends and acquaintances, he had no right to proclaim them to the public, uninvited, and in a public place.

Strictly speaking, according to the laws dating from Edward VL, and still in existence in England, "all blasphemies against the Crestor, denial of His being, all contumely tegarding the Saviour, all profane secoffing at the Saviour, all profane secoffing

His being, all contumely regarding the Saviour, all profane scoffing at the nine indictments for violation of the

In Germany the punishment for blasphemy is imprisonment for a term lasting anywhere from one day to three years; but the blasphemy must be uttered in public, be offensive in character, and have wounded the religious cusceptibilities of some other person, in Austria whoever commits blasphemy, by speech or writing, is liable to imprisonment for anywhere from six months to ten years.

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In Germany, in Austria, and especially in Great Britain, the prosecutions under the blasphemy laws are almost invariably initiated by private persons, and it is this that Prime Minister Asquith has in mind in proclaiming himself in favor of their repeal and abolition. The officers of the law, that is to say, the police authorities, the public prosecutor, and the magistrates, are never disposed to move in the matter but when some private citizen comes along ledges a complaint, swears out the necessary affidavits, and charges another citizen with breaking the laws as to blasphemy, then the courts are deal with the matter, an spply the statutes as they stand. The extent to which they are applied depends upon the tact, the breadth of mind and the good sense of the judge or magistrate called upon to deal with

The Duchesse de Talleyrand, who was Miss Anna Gould, of New York, has done wisely to withdraw her opposition to the suit brought by her judicially divorced husband, Bont de Casclairy divorced nusband, Bont de Cas-tellane, for the annulment of his mar-riage to her by the ecclesistical courts of the papacy at Rome. In fact, it is difficult to know why she ever contest-ed the case, and the only motive which could possibly have prompted her, must have been animosity towards De Castellane.

For the annulment of her first marriage by the church—already sundered in the eyes of the law by divorce—would not affect in any way the legitimacy of her three boys by De Castellane, any more than the ecclesiastical annulment of the reigning Prince of Monaco's first marriage to Lady Mary Douglas Hamilton, now Princess Festelles, impaired the legitimacy, in the eight of the church, of her only son by her first marriage, now Crown Prince Louis of Monaco. On the other hand, a decree of the church to the effect that her marriage to De Castellane was invalid, would have the result of ren-For the annulment of her first marthat her marriage to De Castellane was invalid, would have the result of rendering her present marriage to the Duc de Talleyrand lawful, according to the ideas of the Catholic Church and of all of its adherents. As the matter new stands, they consider her union to the duke as unlawful, and her little coop by her second marriage, namely, the five-year-old Duke of Sagan, as more or less illegitimate.

It is hy no means certain that the pahal courts will grant the application of Boni de Castellane to declare his marriage to Anna Gould invalid.

#### DOES TANGO REDUCE FLESH?

The violent movements of the mod-ern dances naturally tend to keep flesh down, but they also tend to put fiesh down, but they also tend to put an extra strain upon the vital organs, especially the heart, and so may damage the health more than assist it. Besides, many people do not dance, some people do not believe in dancing and few people can afford the time to dance enough to really accomplish much reduction. A better way to dissolve fatty tissue easily and quickly without dieting is by taking the parnotis treatment, made at home ne follows: Put 4 ounces paraetis (from your druggist's) in 1% pints hot water and strain when cool. Take a table-spoonful before meals until weight is where you want it. No harm results from the use of the parnotis treatment, and the fiesh is left solid and the skin soft and smooth.—Advertisement. At any rate, the case will not be finally decided for some time to come. But if the union is pronounced null and vold, it will be exclusively and wholly on the strength of evidence to the effect that when Anna Gould embarked ipon the marriage contract, she pro-claimed that she intended to break it whenever it suited her, by means of

The papal courts, like the secular courts in almost every civilized country, take the ground that if it can be

out the United Kingdom by giving public expression the other day to the conviction that the existing laws against blasphemy are "an outworn and obsolete chapter, which should disappear, not only from the statute books, but from the common law as well."

The Premier delivered himself of this atterance at his historic official residence in Downing Street, in response to a deputation that had called upon him in order to press for the repeal of the laws against blasphemy.

The Prime Minister, however, is wrong in describing these laws as obsolete. For, during the last six years there have been more prosecutions for blasphemy than during the previous 100 years.

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The regular grand jury returned files being, all contumely tegarding the Saviour, all profane scoffing at the Scripturea, or holding up any portion thereof to contempt or ridicule," are punishable by the criminal courts with line, imprisonment and even corporal punishment. The blasphemy act of 1698 provides three years' imprisonment for any one denying the Trinity. This remained in existence until 1813, and in this year the courts decided that the laws of blasphemy did not apply to "the discussion of particular controversial points of the Scriptures, between learned men."

In 1841 Edward Moxon was sentenced to a term of imprisonment for having, bublished Shelley's "Queen Mab," which was regarded as blasphemous, and in 1867 a man of the name of Cowen was held guilty of blasphemy is in hard of the high court reaffirm d the pronouncement of Chief that "Christianity is part of the laws of England."

In the repulse grand jury returned mine indictments for violation of the revenue laws, including one against Robert Jackson, colored, and one against Will I. Stafford, white, for operating illicit distilleries. Caplases were issued, and Sherif J. J. Falson and Doputy H. L. Harris left to raid the distilleries and arrest the parties. They located Jackson's still, which will be distillered and rest the parties and bone after he leart for density with the distilleries and arrest the parties. They located Jackson's still, which will be distilleries and arrest the parties. They located Jackson's still, which will be distilleries and arrest the parties. They located Jackson's still, which will be distilleries and arrest the parties. They located Jackson's still, which will be distilleries and arrest the parties. They located Jackson's still, which will be distilleries and arrest the parties. They located Jackson's still, which will be distilleries and arrest the parties. They located Jackson's still, which will be distilleries and arrest the parties. They located Jackson's still, which will be distilleries and arrest the part The regular grand jury returned



# First Showing Beautiful Summer Hats

The initial display of Summer Millinery is to be featured to-morrow, and most attractive are the styles. As usual, we again are the first to show what is new for summer, and in accordance with the Weisberger policy, prices are considerably lower than others ask. See the new Panamas, Leghorns, White Hemps, White Chip and Milans.



Trimmed Hats Priced at \$2.98 to \$15

Untrimmed Hats Priced at \$1.98 to \$3.50

As summer advances the hapes are gaining in size. and most popular will be the sailor effects and high side styles. Plan to visit this department every day and keep posted on the latest styles, which will always be found here.

Hats Trimmed Free

\$1.25 Porch Rocker

Laces and Embroideries

ful baby patterns; regulary 75c, special, at per 50c lar 5c, special, yard ..... 50c

Two Waist Specials

A Special Shoe Purchase

We have purchased from the Paffshoe Co., and other well known makers of children's and girls' shoes several thousand pairs of fine

quality Low Shoes. These Shoes were made for firms who have recently failed, and naturally were thrown on the factories' hands, who had to dispose of them at a loss and we were the lucky purchaser. These

Large Girls' and Women's Low Shoes, in assorted styles, in all leathers; sizes 2½ to \$1.49

6; values to \$2.50... \$1.49

TABLE NO. 8—
Children's Leather Barefoot Sandals; all sizes to No. 59c

Under-

Shadow Flouncing, beautiful

German and French Val.

Laces, 1 to 21/2 inches wide, with insertions to match;

regular 8c value, special, 4c

Shoes have been assort-ed on tables, with the

prices marked on them so you could pick them out

READ ON FOR BAR-

GAINS

Large Girls' and Women's Strap

Pumps, in patent, gunmetal and

tan; low and high heels; sizes 21/2

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Women's Rubber Heeled Juli-etts, very flexible soles, with and

etts, very flexible soles, without tip; \$1.50 values, 95c

Large Girls' White Canvas Low Heel Oxfords; sizes 2 to \$1.00 6; \$2.00 value ......

Wash Fabrics

27-inch Hyde Grade Galateas, in plains and fancies; many patterns to choose from. sells  $15c\,$  at 18c, Monday . . . . . .

36-inch White Pique, in differ-

ent size welts, an extra fine quality; will make up well (or skirts,

coats, etc.; sells at 20c, 15c

extra good quality, imported; fine for skirts and dresses; 40c

36-inch Superior Long Cloth,

chamois finish, an elegant material for children's and Ladies' under-

40-inch White Nub Ratine, an

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45-inch Embroidered Crepe

Flouncing; beautiful new dedesigns; regular 89c, 59c

Embroidery Edges and In-sertions, beautiful open and

blind patterns, special, yard..... 121/2c

Embroidery Allover, beauti-

Women's Voile Waists, in

Children's Instep Strap Pumps,

in patent, gunmetal and tan leath-

ers; values to \$1.50; sizes 79c

Children's Instep Strap Pumps,

in patent, gunmetal and tan leathers; values to \$2.00; sizes 99c

Misses' Fine Quality Strap Pumps, in patent, gunmetal and tan; values from \$2 to \$1.29

New Silks Under-

The Best Standard \$1.25, 36-in.

Black Taffeta; fully guaranteed; every yard guaranteed not to split

or tear; must and will \$1.00 wear well, for Monday.

36-inch All-Silk Black Messa-

de Chines, all-silk; in a number of good leading shades; our 65c

quality, to close out on 39c

Dainty Printed Crepes, all silk, 40 inches wide; full line of the much wanted spring designs; the

22 to 24-inch Solid Color Crepe

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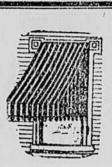
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seat; makes a nice sewing 79c or nursery Rocker......



#### \$1.75 Ready - Made Awnings, Like Sketch, at 98c each

Made of heavy blue and white duck; complete with all the necessary fixtures ready to hang; mounted on solid fron frames; scalioped at bottom frames; scalioped at bottom and bound with red braid. Sizes, 20-ln., 30-lnch., 42-ln. and 48-ln wide and 2 ft. 6 in. extension. Bring or send measurements. The price is so low that we cannot measure or hang these awnings. No phone orders.



# A Special Sale of Undermuslins

# Doubly Welcome Because of Its Timeliness and Its Remarkable Values Dainty, crisp, new Undermuslins at prices way below the regular

values-bought from several prominent makers, especially for this sale, at big price concessions, enables us to quote the remarkable values below.

Women's White Petticoats, made of extra quality muslin, deep embroidery or lace flounce; worth regularly \$1.50, 95c 

Women's Muslin Drawers, cut in very full size and hemmed and tucked; worth 19c, special at ... 12½cc 
Women's Drawers, made of splendid

Women's Circular or Skirt Drawers, nicely trimmed with Swiss embroid- 39c low neck styles and nicely trimmed ery; value 59c, special to-morrow. 39c Women's White Petticoats, made with a deep embroidered flounce, from fine quality muslin; worth \$1.75, \$1.19

Women's Muslin Night Gowns, trimmed at neck and arm holes with laces and embroideries; worth \$1.00, spe-79c

women's Combination Corset Covers and Drawers, trimmed with pretty laces and embroideries at bottom; ribbon run at neck and armholes; worth 89c; 59c Women's Combination Corset Covers and Drawers are combination Corset Covers and embroideries at bottom; ribbon run at neck and armholes; worth 89c; 59c Women's Drawers, daintily trimmed with laces and embroideries; cut full size in different styles; special at 49c

Separate Skirts

the Weisberger Store before they purchase their new skirt-here assortments are

larger and prices lower than in any other

Women's New and Stylish Spring Skirts; made of serges and fancy checks, in peg top and tunic effects; good colors and perfect fitting; worth \$2.50 \$1.95 and \$3.00, special at .......

Women's New Spring Skirts, made of

all-wool serges and fancy plaids, in the new peg top and tunic styles; a splendid line of colors, while the fit is superb; worth \$5.00 and \$6.00, special \$3.75

Women's and Misses' New Spring Skirts, made of broad-

Men's Furnishings

Men's Union Suits, made of madras and nainsook; regular \$1.00 quality; all sizes; athletic style, 73c

Men's White Shirts, in plaited or plain negligee; sold everywhere at 50c and considered exceptionally 36c

We have the best Silk Hose for men that's made; colors: tan, gray, navy and black; made with high heel splicing and double sole, heel and toe...... 25c

good quality; all sizes; special for this day . . . . .

cloth, serges and gabardines, in all the new shades; styles feature the new peg top and tunic effects; worth \$4.95

Richmond store.

### \$15 Dresses, \$9.75

Discriminating women and Misses will be pleased with these Dresses, made of chiffon, taffeta, silk poplin and many fancy materials, in a full line of favored spring shades, while the styles are the best that experts can produce, showing the new overskirts and ruffle effects, heavifully trimmed and market line and market line. beautifully trimmed and unusually well made.

### \$8.75 Dresses, \$5.75

A special purchase of Women's Wash Dresses brings you this splendid offer. Made of voiles, white lingerie, crepes, both flowered and plain, and ratines, in a full line of desirable colors and patterns, well tailored and nicely trimmed, in all the power styles. in all the newest styles.

\$5 and \$6 Dresses, \$3.95

Women's Dresses, made of voiles, crepes, linens, pique and fancy materials, in both plain colors and fancy patterns, made with tunic effect skirts and lace trimmed.

## \$4 and \$4.75 Dresses, \$2.95

Wash Dresses for women and misses, in pretty fancy black and white patterns, as well as fancy and all white; made in all the newest styles, showing ruffle tunic skirts; materials are linen. flowered and plain crepe, ginghams and rating

#### Summer Corsets, 25c Women's and Misses' Summer Corsets, made

of couth or net, in long or medium hip styles; very cool and comfortable for summer wear.

### Summer Wash Skirts

No larger assortments, better qualities or greater values will be found in all literamond—below are listed three great values for to-mor-

row:
Women's Wash Skirts, made of fine quality pique, strictly tailored models and well made; trimmed with buttons; worth \$1.00, spe-

New Spring Skirts, made of fine quality pique and ratine, trimmed with buttons and self-materials; styles are both plain and overskirt effects; while the fit and workmanship. are exceptionally good; worth \$1.50, at. 30C White Pique and Ratine Skirts, made with

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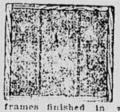
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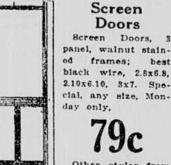
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FAIRY SOAP; a pure white soap for toilet and bath; 13c



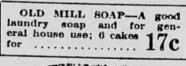
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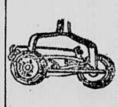
black wire, 2.8x6.8, 2.10x6.10, 3x7. Special, any size, Mon-

TOILET PAPER; large rolls, fine tissue; 5c rolls; 14 24c





5-ply Rubber Garden Hose, in 50-foot lengths; 3-4 bore, wire covered, warranted for whole season; value \$7.50; special Monday only, \$5.80. Famous



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special ..... Dark Oak Finished Refrigerator, galvanized lined throughout, insu-

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Black Traveling Bags; sizes 16, 17 and 18 inches; protected with heavy leather corners; leather lined; inside pocket; \$5.00 Bag \$2.98

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\$15.00 Extension Table \$9.98 \$118 Cotton Mattress \$9.98 for \$1.25 Oak Chair 89c \$9.00 Chiffonier \$4.95



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